



Dear Hopkinton Ed Foundation Friends,

The Hopkinton Education Foundation would like to share the following update with you...

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## Boston Marathon Recap

The sun was shining, the High School was filled with runners and the anticipation was building. The months of prep had led Bill Goebel of Westborough to that moment at 11:15 when the gun went off and he began the 26.2 mile run that he had been waiting for; his first Boston Marathon in support of the Hopkinton Education Foundation. "The crowd support was amazing and like nothing I've experienced before and am still amazed that I could run for 26 miles and kept my hand up high hiving people the entire way."

Bill's enthusiasm for running was matched by his excitement to complete the race "I can agree with whoever gave the name to Heartbreak Hill for sure, but was still happy to sneak in under my four hour goal with 17 seconds to spare at 3:59:43." Congratulations!

He would also like to "thank the Town of Hopkinton for hosting the start and to the Hopkinton Education Foundation for allowing me to run for them. We raised almost \$7000 and am happy to be able to make a difference in lives like that. A special thanks to my family and friends for both the personal and financial support along the way."

## Support Hopkinton Education Foundation!

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## Grant Spotlight - Virtual Reality in Education

Do you remember taking field trips to such places like the Brooklyn Zoo or the Hoover Dam? How about to Ancient Greece or even up to the Moon? Thanks to technology, not only is this possible today, but students don't even need to leave the comfort of their classroom!

The Hopkinton Education Foundation is first to offer this opportunity in our schools; through two grants funded last year. One in Hopkins School and the other in the Middle School students are now able to explore, virtually, the world outside of their 4 classroom walls.

Imagine learning about the human body's systems and then being able to put on a pair of VR goggles and being able to explore the body in 3D, seeing how the system works and interacts within the whole body. Or in history where, for example, one can recreate something like the Civil War, providing virtual field trips to tour the battlefields and march where the armies travelled in The South, perhaps meeting some of the War leaders. [1]

According to one of the recipients, who used the Google Cardboard with a small group of third graders as a trial last week- one student turned to another as the teacher left, and was overheard saying, "This was the best library class ever!" The teacher rated it as 100% and said "My students loved their safari and it tied in

Congratulations Bill on your amazing achievement and for the significant impact you have made on the lives of the students in Hopkinton.

said "My students loved their safari and it tied in beautifully to our Kenya studies! We learned about the strength of the elephant and the how the Kenyan climate and land are different from where we live."

It is exciting to consider what could be accomplished if the power of virtual reality was harnessed for education rather than its currently focus of gaming; if developers turned their resources away from creating games that teach children how to steal cars and kill people and toward allowing them to explore history, science, art and other subjects in innovative new ways, just imagine the possibilities!

Resources:

[1]  
<https://www.wired.com/insights/2013/12/virtual-reality-and-learning-the-newest-landscape-for-higher-education/>



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**Our Vision:**

The Education Foundation strives to be the primary independent catalyst that energizes Hopkinton Public School educators to deliver innovative educational experiences that inspire students.

**Our Mission:**

**Thank-A-Teacher**

The Thank-A-Teacher program is a great way to tell your child's teachers how much you appreciate the work that they do! Each educator honored by a donation receives a personalized card from the Education Foundation thanking them for their work, and includes the name of your child. The flyers will be sent home in June in your child's backpack.



**Golf Ball Drop**

We will be hosting our annual Golf Ball Drop again this year partnered with ReMaxx in June 2017. We will post more details once it gets closer.





Our goal is to provide funding, ideas, professional development and other resources to educators so they can promote innovation that motivates students to become lifelong learners.

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## Board Member Spotlight

An Interview with Heather Smith, Events

**1. How long have you been on HEF? What personally made you want to join the Hopkinton Education Foundation?**

*I have been on HEF for a year. I attended a lot of their events and really thought about all of the good things that HEF does for our town and our schools.*

**2. What's your current position? Others you have held?**

*Currently I help out with all of the events (gala, golf ball drop)*

**3. What are your children's names/ages/grades in school?**

*Marissa is 12 and in 6th grade. Olivia is 7 and in 1st grade*

**4. How can people support the Education Foundation?**

*People can support HEF in various ways. Attending events that raise money for the schools is one key way but the best way to support HEF is by joining. There are so many sub groups you can be a part of with various different focuses.*

**5. Name one fun fact for the article:**

*I have lived in Boston for over 24 years but I am a die hard New York Yankees fan.*

*Thank you Heather for taking the time to answer our questions and for your dedication to the Education Foundation and to the students and educators in our district!*

## New Board Member Meetup - JUNE 19th

Are you interested in joining the Hopkinton Education Foundation? We are hosting a new member meet up at [110 Grill, Hopkinton](#), 1 Lumber Street on Monday, June 19th.

If you are interested in learning more, contact our Board President Alexis Miller at [president@hopkintoneducationfoundation.org](mailto:president@hopkintoneducationfoundation.org).

You can also visit our [Facebook page](#)

## Searching for Volunteers



*Interested in joining the Hopkinton Education Foundation? We would love to have you on our team! If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, contact our Board President Alexis Miller at [president@hopkintoneducationfoundation.org](mailto:president@hopkintoneducationfoundation.org).*

### Communications -

*Work as part of Communications team. Create annual communications strategy for events, grants and programs, and write related articles. Create Constant Contact, Facebook, Twitter and other communications, and ensure content updated across media. Serve as contact with the press.*

**Event Team Members** -Looking for team members to help in executing the details of events. The roles are varied and include managing the guest list/ticket sales, organizing venue layout and decor, auction coordinator.(procuring, tracking OR packaging auction items)

**School Liaisons** - Maintain relationships with the principals and teachers to promote grant awareness, answers questions relating to grant applications, facilitate the communications committee viewing and promoting past grants. Generally, to be the Ed foundation/School connection.

## Donate to Help Advance Innovation

### *Ways to Give to the Education Foundation*

#### **Donate Directly:**

Donate directly to us at [www.hopkintoneducationfoundation.org](http://www.hopkintoneducationfoundation.org), or by sending a check to the Hopkinton Education Foundation, P.O. Box 109, Hopkinton, MA 01748.

Please contact Alexis Miller at [president@hopkintoneducationfoundation.org](mailto:president@hopkintoneducationfoundation.org) if you'd like additional information on the ways to donate noted above, or if you have questions.

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